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Comment in response to proposed rule making changes as they apply to AMATEUR RADIO.

- 1) As an active VE - I feel that we should not be privy to, nor authorized to ask for medical information related to the doctor's waiver.
- 2) I'm happy with the prospect of increasing the difficulty of the test, adding questions about newer technologies, possibly more questions, and reduction of the code requirement.
- 3) I think retaining only the 5wpm CW requirement should satisfy most applicants, our treaty obligations, and old operators as well. However, 12wpm as the first or only test will limit rather than improve the willingness of new operators to advance.
- 4) I think the current multiple choice method of CW testing should stay. Additionally I feel the VEs should retain the current control over testing and accommodated tests. If we change this I feel it will not be long the ADA (American with Disabilities Act) may be brought into play against us.
- 5) I like the current 6 classes, but am not opposed to changing to a 4 class structure. However, whatever happens, I would like to retain NAMES for the classes rather than a Class A - B etc. I feel the public opinion of operators could be enhanced just by that alone. My neighbors and friends know that I am an EXTRA class... always asking technical questions about their own electronic equipment and regard my answers/opinion as valuable.
- 6) I for one, would be willing to spend a little extra money on my license if that is what it takes to improve on enforcement. I feel the bar for action against poor operation should be LOWERED, but the penalty should be a short suspension for minor or first violations. Violations during suspension should be treated as major infractions.

I think pink slip slips for minor violations should be allowed to be issued by Official Observers with a lower document requirement (only if the OO is NOT part of the infraction, meaning in QSO on frequency or adjacent to the one of the infraction). However, any Official Observer caught issuing undeserved slips, should suffer a short suspension, and be removed from office immediately.

The FCC should consider having the OO status, listed on the database -- so if someone is reprimanded short of a slip will be able to know a favor has been given and they might be on the edge for good practice.

Thank you for your time.